Negotiations with NSCN (IM)

158. DR. MANMOHAN SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the progress of negotiations with NSCN(IM) group;

(b) wheher Government are aware of the fear in a number of North-Eastern States that these negotiations may undermine their territorial integrity;

(c) whether Government of these States have approached the Central Government in this regard; and

(d) if so, what assurances, if any, have been given to these States on behalf of the Central Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SWAMI CHINMAYANAND): (a) Negotiations have been going on with NSCN (IM) leaders to find an amicable solution to the Naga issues. While there has been an exchange of views and efforts to reach a mutually acceptable position, negotiations remain inconclusive.

(b) to (d) Government is aware of the emotional feelings of some of the North Eastern States about their territorial integrity. Government had reiterated its stand from time to time that territorial integrity of North Eastern States would not be disturbed.

Steps taken to prevent Hyderabad from being a safe haven for terrorist

159. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that a number of major terrorist strikes which took place recently in Mumbai, Gujarat and elsewhere in the country were found to have Hyderabad connections;

(b) if so, the details thereof and Government's reaction thereto; and

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to liquidate terrorists' clusters in the city and prevent it from being a safe haven for militant activities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) and (b) As per available information, some of the

persons involved in the assassination of Haren Pandya, a Minister in the Government of Gujarat, in March 2003 and in the twin blasts in Mumbai in August 2003, were from Hyderabad.

(c) The Central Government regularly sensitizes the State Governments and shares actionable intelligence with them so as to pre-empt and curb militant activities.

Decentralisation of FCRA approvals

160. SHRI CHO S. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are considering the process of decentralization of FCRA approvals which are presently issued from Delhi;

(b) if so, whether Governmnet have considerd the pros and cons of this sudden decision;

(c) what will be the mechanism by which the Centre will be able to monitor or check illegal funds coming into the country for anti-national activities; and

(d) whether Government propose to reconsider the said decision?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK): (a) to (d) Government is considering certain changes in the law governing the receipt and utilization of foreign contirbution by voluntary organizations to remove shortcomings noticed in the present law.

Environmental Pollution due to Uranium mining in A.P.

161. SHRI RUMANDLA RAAMACHANDRAYYA: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the uranium mining and processing project in Nalgonda (A.P.) is increasing environmental pollution in the State; and

(b) the measures taken to ensure safety of people residing around the area?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI RAMESH BAIS) : (a) and (b) The Department of Atomic Energy